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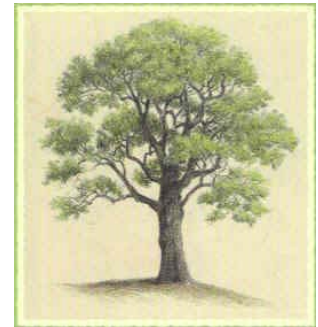
VICE MAYOR, CITY OF LONG BEACH
FIRST DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

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Events and Meetings

Wednesday, May 9

- Tree Grants Application Workshop, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 425 Atlantic Avenue. Learn how to apply for a tree grant, about other tree planting resources available, what types of trees are appropriate for a site, how to get permission from the agency that controls a public property site, and volunteer for future tree plantings!



Friday, May 11

- Veteran's Appreciation Day event hosted by the Long Beach Job Service Office of the Employment Development Department from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Villages at Cabrillo, 2001 River Avenue. This event is a great opportunity for military veterans and their families to obtain information about employment services and assistance, available jobs, and training sessions. A large number of employers will be in attendance looking to fill positions.

Saturday, May 12

- Hellman and Craftsman Neighborhood Mural Dedication, from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm at 1201 E. 7th Street at Orange Avenue. The mural was designed by Art Mortimer and sponsored by the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department and Community Development Neighborhood Services Bureau.



- Electric Lawn Mower Exchange for a cost of \$100: On Saturday, May 12, at Veterans Stadium, 4901 E. Carson Street, the South Coast Air Quality Management District is sponsoring a lawn mower trade in support of clean air. Your operable gas mower and \$100 will allow you to purchase an electric lawn mower valued at \$400. You must pre-register in order to participate at www.aqmd.gov/tao/lawnmower.html or (888) 425-6247.
- Friends of the LA River is hosting La Gran Limpieza: the Great LA River CleanUp, from 9 am – 12 pm. Free T-shirts for the first 100 volunteers at each site, and free tote bags for everyone. There are 15 sites along the LA River, including 3 sites in Long Beach, (1) at the Estuary on Golden and 25th Way, just south of Willow, (2) at Golden Shore, take Golden Shore south of Shoreline, and

(3) at Alamitos Beach, south of Shoreline and Alamitos. For more information, please visit www.folar.org.

Monday, May 14

- Joint meeting of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, at Milliken High School, 2800 Snowden Avenue. Agenda topic: RV and oversized vehicle parking.

Wednesday, May 16

- Long Beach Police Department Community Crime Prevention Meeting featuring the Port Security Unit, at 7:00 pm, at the Long Beach Water Department, 1800 E. Wardlow Road. A member of the Port Security Unit will discuss security at seaports and the increased security measures in and around the Long Beach Harbor since 9/11. For more information, 562.570.7215.

Saturday, May 19

- Please join the Willmore neighborhood for a community clean-up! From 8 am - 12 pm. Meet at 1147 Loma Vista Drive. Light refreshments will be provided! For more information, please call Teresa Gonzalez at 562.570.1146.

Sunday, May 20

- Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. The parade begins at 10:30 AM at the corner of Temple Avenue and Ocean Blvd. Please join this celebration of diversity, human rights, and strength of the LGBT community.

Council Happenings

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW POCKET PARK AT 851 ORANGE

On April 24, the Long Beach City Council approved the purchase of 851 Orange Avenue, a 14,456 square-foot vacant lot extending from Orange to San Pablo Court, for the development of a neighborhood pocket park.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal has been working with residents, community groups, and City staff to identify and acquire park opportunities in the Hellman Area. Brian Ulaszewski, facilitator of the Hellman Area Neighborhood Association proposed the purchase of 851 Orange after the property was razed due to unsafe conditions.

The City is purchasing the property at a cost of \$692,000. The funds will be obtained from the 2006 Open Space Lease Revenue Bonds approved in September 2006. The \$25 million bond identified the acquisition and development of neighborhood mini-parks in underserved communities as an essential component of the park expansion strategy.



LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL APPROVES SEASIDE PARK EXPANSION



The City Council on April 24 also approved the expansion of what will become the Seaside Park soccer fields in the Washington School neighborhood through the acquisition of three properties located at 14th Street and Chestnut Avenue for a total cost of \$3,055,650. The properties are: (1) 1413-1419 Chestnut Avenue, (2) 1421-1427 Chestnut Avenue, and (3) 1431 Chestnut Avenue. The parcels are slated to provide additional open space and neighborhood picnic areas for families, while also increasing the overall safety of the park by eliminating view obstructions. The funds also will be obtained from the 2006 Open Space Lease Revenue Bonds approved in September 2006.

The expansion and development of Seaside Park was a top priority of Lowenthal's since 2002 when she worked to have the property donated to the City from Supervisor Don Knabe and the County of Los Angeles.

SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED

On May 8, the Long Beach City Council voted to establish a Sustainable City Commission comprised of 11 community members whose purpose will be to make advisory policy recommendations to the City Council on issues relating to the environment. The Commission will address issues involving air quality, water quality, resource conservation, education and awareness programs, and more.

RECYCLING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS

The City of Long Beach approved the first reading of the Construction and Demolition Ordinance, which Vice Mayor Lowenthal first introduced in January 2006. The ordinance would require diverting 60 percent of all project related construction and demolition materials to be recycled or reused. Studies cite that construction and demolition waste is a significant and growing part of the disposed waste stream in California, making up approximately 22-28 percent of disposed waste. This ordinance prevents construction and demolition materials from filling up our landfills and obstructing our waste stream by requiring its reuse and recycling. The ordinance will be applied to all demolition projects, all city sponsored construction and renovation projects, and certain private construction projects.

STANDARDS FOR AUTO SALES BUSINESSES ON LONG BEACH BOULEVARD

New automobile sales businesses on Long Beach Boulevard between Willow Street and Anaheim Street will have to meet development standards recently adopted by the Long Beach City Council. Specific requirements on landscape buffers, screening, lighting, minimum showroom/business office, location of vehicle storage, repair areas, loading and unloading of vehicles, and use of sustainable materials, provide an opportunity for new automobile sales businesses to be good neighbors from the start of business.

Community News

VICE MAYOR LOWENTHAL RECEIVES MENTAL HEALTH HERO AWARD



The MHA Village, an agency of the National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles County, named Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal as the 2007 "Mental Health Hero." The award was presented at the Ninth Annual "Golden Ducky Awards" ceremony on Friday, April 20th, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral with an overflow crowd in attendance. Lowenthal received the award due to her long commitment to helping people with mental illness lead productive and fulfilling lives.

The "Golden Ducky Awards" celebrate the recovery accomplishments of people with mental illness, including those who have achieved employment and independent living, reached educational goals or made positive contributions to their families and community. Over 150 people were honored from MHA for their accomplishments over the past year.

DEMOLITION OF THE CASH FOR CANS RECYCLING FACILITY

On Thursday, April 26, Mayor Bob Foster, Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, representatives from the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, Police and Fire Departments, and community leaders led the demolition of the Cash for Cans Recycling Facility that has long been a magnet for crime in Central Long Beach. The facility, located at 101 E. Pacific Coast Highway at Pine Avenue, will be torn down to make way for future revitalization of the neighborhood. Since the facility has been closed, the Long Beach Police Department has reported a 14 percent reduction in crime in the neighborhood.



BLIGHTED FORMER BAIL BOND BUILDING DEMOLISHED

On Tuesday, May 1, the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal and the City's Police and Fire Departments led the demolition of the former Bail Bond building at 419 West Broadway. This building is the last blighted building being cleared for the West Gateway Project.

LA VERDE RECYCLING

A Business License Revocation Hearing for La Verde, 1340 Pine Avenue, has been set for this week in accordance with the Request for Revocation from the Zoning Officer of the Planning and Building Department. If the matter is appealed and brought to the City Council, members of the public will be invited for comment. When the hearing officer's report is prepared, this office will share that with the community.

SUCCESSFUL HEALTH AND SAFETY FIESTA AT PEACE PARK

Congratulations to the Roosevelt neighborhood for hosting a very successful Health and Safety Fiesta this past Cinco de Mayo. Children and families from throughout the community gathered at Peace Park to learn about health and safety issues, including information on free child safety seats. Special thanks to our live Aztec Dancers, Centro Shalom, LB Public Library, Litter Free Long Beach, Neighborhood Services, LB Transit.



Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal hopes to stay in touch with you electronically through e-newsletters. If you wish to be removed from the list, please email rhlee@longbeach.gov with "remove" in the subject line. If you wish to contact the Office of Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal to discuss issues or concerns, please call 562.570.6919 or email district1@longbeach.gov. Thank you.